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LETTER DATED 12 MARCH 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and with reference to the summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration (S/2000/40), I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Iraq requests the retention of the following items listed in paragraph 12 of the document in question:

1. Item 12, entitled "Complaint by Iraq concerning incidents on its frontier with Iran". The reason for requesting retention of this item is that Iranian attacks on Iraq's borders are still continuing and Iraq keeps the Council informed of them on a periodic basis.

2. Item 21, entitled "Complaint by Iraq". This concerns the 1981 Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear reactor dedicated to peaceful uses. In its resolution 487 (1981), the Council strongly condemns this attack and calls upon Israel to refrain in the future from any such acts or threats thereof and to place its nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards, among other measures. The requirements of this resolution have yet to be met.

3. All of the items relating to the question of Palestine and the exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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